

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following:

[0021] The outlet plate 56 also includes a recess ~~recessed~~ 60 that extends down into the lower intake manifold 22 such that the blower 24 is mounted to the recess 60 to provide clearance 61 for the hood 14 to move to its closed position over the internal combustion engine 16. In order for the supercharging assembly 18 to be mounted to the internal combustion engine 16 in a manner such that the hood 14 may be moved to a close position without modification to the hood 14, the supercharging assembly 18 must be compact in size. In order to do so, a portion of the blower 24 must extend into the lower intake manifold 22 without reducing the volume defined by the lower intake manifold 22 by a significant amount. Therefore, the recess 60, which is only a portion of the overall surface of the outlet plate 56, extends downwardly into the lower intake manifold 22 allowing the blower 24 to be mounted to the lower intake manifold 22 at a position within the lower intake manifold 22 to reduce the profile of the supercharging assembly 18, thus allowing the hood 14 to be closed and provide sufficient clearance to the supercharging assembly 18 to allow it to operate properly.